THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The personnel of para-military forces are already being imparted suitable training and orientation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of the Police Act

4108. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to take stpes for reviewing the Police Act to cope with the worsening law and order situation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on these requests; and

(d) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The National Police Commission in its Eighth Report submitted in May, 1981 suggested a draft Police Bill to replace the Police Act, 1861.

(c) and (d) The matter is being examined from all angles so that a final view can be taken on bringing about appropriate changes in the Police Act.

Monitoring the developments at Ayodhya

4109. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the minute to minute monitoring of developments in Ayodhya undertaken by his Ministry on 6th December, 1992 considering the explosive situation which prevailed there and the action taken on the basis of the intelligence monitoring of the activities of the Kar Sevaks;

(b) at what time the Ministry got information regarding the demolition of the Babri Masjid domes;

(c) at what time the Ministry got information regarding the beginning of construction of temple on his debris; and

(d) at what time security personnel cleared the site?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) On 6 December 1992, initial reports from Ayodhya indicated that the situation was peaceful. However, between 11.45 and 11.50 hours, about 150 Kar Sewaks suddenly broke the cordon and started pelting stones at the police personnel. Equally suddenly, about 1000 Kar Sewaks broke into the RJB-BM structure. About 80 Kar Sewaks climbed the domes of the structure and started damaging them. At 14.40 hours, a crowd of 75,000 Kar Sewaks was surrounding the structure and many of them were engaged in demolishing it.

At 12.10 p.m., immediately on receipt of information regarding the attack on the RJB-BM structure, the Union Home Secretary and other officers of the Home Ministry contacted various State Officers and urged them that in view of the situation which seemed to be getting out of control, they should use the Central Para Military Forces. The State Officers informed that they would seek the Chief Minister's orders in this regard. The Home Minister also spoke to the Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh on telephone more than once. At 12.45 P.M., some Forces were requisitioned by the State authorities and these were made available immediately. However, when these forces

were moving from Faizabad to Ayodhya, these were sent back by the local authorities who said that their orders were that no use of force should be resorted to; the forces had to return to camp at about 2.15 p.m.

According to available reports, effective action was not taken by the local police. On the other hand, Kar Sewaks were allowed to block the access routes to the RJB-BM complex by using various kinds of materials such as iron poles and overturned trolleys. All the railway crossings between Ayodhya and Darshan Nagar were blocked by the Kar Sewaks. As a result of the total absence of protection by the local police, and the State authorities not allowing the Central forces to reach the spot despite repeated requests from the Union Home Minister and Home Secretary, the RJB-BM structure was completely demolished.

The situation in the RJB-BM complex was very sensitive; over 2,00,000 Kar Sewaks were still present in Ayodhya and many of them were in a defiant or agitated mood. It was decided to move the Central forces in the night of 7 and 8 December, 1992 so as to use minimum force. Action was taken accordingly, and the RJB-BM area was quickly secured. The movement of Kar Sewaks out of Ayodhya was also expedited by running special trains. The situation was rapidly brought under control.

Reportedly, after demolition of the RJB-BM structure, the Kar Sewaks were able to level the ground, remove the debris and construct platform to reinstall the idols. Subsequently, a wall was constructed and a canopy was put up on the idols.

Biographies of Cellular Jail, victims

4110. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to publish and maintain a complete documented record in the museum at Port Blair, in respect of the biographies of sufferers of the Cellular Jail in Port Blair during the freedom movement; and

(b) what is the extent to which these records are available and in respect of how many sufferers and the names of persons for whom such records are not available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Removing the congestion in Jangpura and Bhopal, New Delhi

4111. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4476 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1992 and state:

(a) what steps Government have taken so far to remove the increasing congestion of rehriwalas creating traffic and law and order problems and insanitary conditions in the Suman Bazar and Central Road of Jangpura and Bhopal areas of New Delhi;

(b) what steps have so far been taken for the removal of the projections/extensions of shops on both sides of the roads covering foot paths and for widening of the roads in the area;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the implementation of steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that rehriwalas on the roads in the area have been rehabilitated a number of times, if so, what are the details in this regard; and